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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the eligibility of motor vehicle owners to  
2 obtain fire fighter registration plates.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 321.34, subsection 10, Code Supplement  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 3 10. FIRE FIGHTER PLATES.

1 4 a. The department may issue the special registration  
1 5 plates authorized by this section in any of the following  
1 6 circumstances:

1 7 (1) An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a current  
1 8 or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department may,  
1 9 upon written application to the department, order special  
1 10 registration plates, designed by the department in cooperation  
1 11 with representatives designated by the Iowa fire fighters'  
1 12 associations, which signify that the applicant is a current or  
1 13 retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department.

1 14 (2) An owner referred to in subsection 12 that is a  
1 15 corporation, business trust, partnership, limited liability  
1 16 company, or other form of business entity may, upon written  
1 17 application to the department, order special registration  
1 18 plates, designed by the department in cooperation with  
1 19 representatives designated by the Iowa fire fighters'  
1 20 associations, if the motor vehicle utilizing the special  
1 21 registration plates is operated primarily by an employee,  
1 22 partner, or officer of the entity who is a current or retired  
1 23 member of a paid or volunteer fire department.

1 24 b. The application shall be approved by the department in  
1 25 consultation with representatives designated by the Iowa fire  
1 26 fighters' associations, and the special registration plates  
1 27 shall be issued to the applicant in exchange for the  
1 28 registration plates previously issued to the person motor  
1 29 vehicle owner. The fee for the special plates is twenty-five  
1 30 dollars which shall be paid in addition to the regular annual  
1 31 registration fee. The department shall validate the special  
1 32 plates in the same manner as regular registration plates are  
1 33 validated under this section at the regular annual  
1 34 registration fee.

1 35 c. The special fees collected by the director under this  
2 1 subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and  
2 2 credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section  
2 3 423.43, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use  
2 4 tax fund under section 423.43, subsection 1, paragraph "b",  
2 5 the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those  
2 6 revenues to the Paul Ryan memorial fire fighter safety  
2 7 training fund created pursuant to section 100B.12 the amount  
2 8 of the special fees collected in the previous month for the  
2 9 fire fighter plates.

2 10 d. For purposes of this subsection, a person is considered  
2 11 to be retired if the person is recognized by the chief of the  
2 12 fire department where the individual served, and on record, as  
2 13 officially retired from the fire department.

2 14 e. Special registration plates with a fire fighter emblem  
2 15 shall be surrendered, as provided in subsection 12, in  
2 16 exchange for regular registration plates ~~upon termination of~~  
2 17 ~~the if any of the following occur:~~

2 18 (1) The motor vehicle owner's membership in the paid or  
2 19 volunteer fire department is terminated, unless the person is  
2 20 a retired member in good standing.

2 21 (2) The motor vehicle for which the special registration  
2 22 plates were issued pursuant to paragraph "a", subparagraph  
2 23 (2), is no longer primarily operated by an employee, partner,  
2 24 or officer of the owner entity who is a current or retired  
2 25 member of a paid or volunteer fire department.

2 26 EXPLANATION

2 27 Under current Code section 321.34, only motor vehicle  
2 28 owners who are current or retired members of a paid or  
2 29 volunteer fire department may, upon written application to the  
2 30 department, order fire fighter special registration plates.  
2 31 This bill allows a motor vehicle owner that is a corporation,  
2 32 business trust, partnership, limited liability company, or  
2 33 other form of business entity to apply for fire fighter  
2 34 special registration plates if the vehicle utilizing the  
2 35 special registration plates is operated primarily by an  
3 1 employee, partner, or officer of the entity who is a current  
3 2 or retired member of a paid or volunteer fire department.

3 3 The bill adds additional circumstances under which the fire  
3 4 fighter special registration plates must be surrendered by the  
3 5 motor vehicle owner. Fire fighter special registration plates  
3 6 issued to an owner that is a corporation, business trust,  
3 7 partnership, limited liability company, or other form of  
3 8 business entity must be surrendered if the motor vehicle is no  
3 9 longer primarily operated by an employee, partner, or officer  
3 10 of the owner entity who is a current or retired member of a  
3 11 paid or volunteer fire department.

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